

## IDOC Employees Take Part in Correctional Police Officer Training

Indianapolis, Indiana (July 27, 2009) – During its 2009 session, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Bill 1132, which authorizes the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner to appoint certain individuals as correctional police officers. Governor Daniels subsequently signed the bill into law, and it went into effect July 1, 2009.

The legislation requires that a correctional police officer complete a pre-basic training course approved by the law enforcement training board and any other training course established by the IDOC, in conjunction with the law enforcement training board. The law grants correctional police officers police powers, but only:

- (1) In connection with offenses committed on the property of the Department of Correction;
- (2) In connection with an offense involving an offender who is committed to the Department;
- (3) In connection with an offense committed in the presence of an officer; or
- (4) While assisting another law enforcement officer who has requested the assistance of the correctional police officer.

Last week, 50 IDOC employees, mostly Internal Affairs investigators, took part in the 2-week-long Phase One of the correctional police officer training, which was conducted by IDOC Emergency Operations Cadres. The academy centered on Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) required skill-based training, such as firearms, defensive tactics, and judgment training. Most of the training took place at the Correctional Training Institute, with one day of rappelling training at the City of Lawrence's Public Safety Training Institute.



IDOC employees train on rappelling at the City of Lawrence's Public Safety Training Institute.

The 3-week-long Phase Two will be scheduled shortly and will be conducted at the Correctional Training Institute by the ILEA. This phase will focus on more academic issues, such as case law.

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